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REMARKS

Claims 3-18 and 30-33 are now in the case.

Applicants note that original claims 19-29 were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment dated Nov 26, 2003 (a copy of which is attached hereto). Applicants have cancelled original claims 1 and 2. Claims 30-33 have been added. Support for new claims 30-33 is found, at least, in original claims 1 and 2. These amendments have been made in response to the Restriction Requirement.

Response to Restriction Requirement of Claims 1-29

The Office Action states that the restriction to one invention is required under 35 USC §121. Applicants note that original claims 19-29 were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment dated Nov 26, 2003 (a copy of which is attached hereto). The remaining claims, 1-18 were included in one group (Group I). The Restriction Requirement further required the election of a single species. In response, Applicants have cancelled claim 1 and introduced new claim 30, which is directed to a single species. Claim 30 is the only independent claim in the currently amended claim set.

Election

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 3-18 and 30-33). Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

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